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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, DRISCOLL
FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Driscoll Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize three (3) alternate unit wells for CV RA SUA, for CV RA SUE and for CV RA SUF, at the locations shown on the attached plat.
2. To find that each of the proposed alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, underlying the unit on which the well is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
3. To permit the operator of CV RA SUA, CV RA SUE and of CV RA SUF to produce the allowables assigned to these units from either the unit well, from any alternate unit well or from any combination thereof, at the option of the operator.
4. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Driscoll Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was redefined in Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H-3, effective September 21, 2004, as to the units affected by these proposals.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

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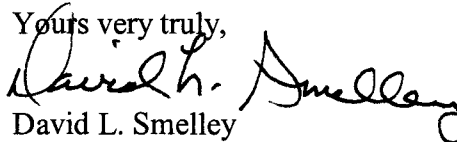
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Driscoll Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose a check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for J-W Operating Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry Wooten (w/encls.)
Mr. Michael Baca (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

